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The meeting was called to order at 9.45 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE FIFTIETH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS (continued)

Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Spain (A/50/236 and Corr.1)

1. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider the request by Spain for the inclusion of an item entitled "Admission of the World Tourism Organization to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund" (A/50/236 and Corr.1). The representative of Spain had asked to participate in the discussion of the item in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure.

2. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Yáñez-Barnuevo (Spain) took a place at the Committee table.

3. Mr. YÁÑEZ-BARNUEVO (Spain) said that the World Tourism Organization (WTO) was an intergovernmental organization with close ties to the United Nations and its specialized agencies. It had previously requested admission to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF) but, although the General Assembly had approved the request in principle and the Fifth Committee had considered it favourably, no action had been taken at that time. In May 1995, after studying various pension schemes, the Executive Council of WTO had recommended that that organization should again request membership in UNJSPF, and the General Assembly of WTO had endorsed that recommendation. Spain, in whose territory WTO headquarters was located, supported the request, and suggested that the item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

4. Mr. LEGAL (France), Mr. MUTHAURA (Kenya), and Mr. MOUBARAK (Lebanon) supported the request of Spain.

5. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

6. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

Request for the inclusion of an additional sub-item submitted by the Secretary-General (A/50/237)

7. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider the request by the Secretary-General for the inclusion of a sub-item entitled "Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of a member of the International Court of Justice" (A/50/237). In that document, the Secretary-General had informed the General Assembly of the death of Judge Andrés Aguilar Mawdsley on 24 October 1995 and of the resulting occurrence of a vacancy in the International Court of Justice. In accordance with the Statute of the International Court of Justice, the General Assembly and the Security Council were required to elect a member of the Court to serve for the remainder of Judge Mawdsley's term of office, which would have expired on 5 February 2000.

Since agenda item 15 of the current session, entitled "Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs" did not include a sub-item relating to the appointment of members of the International Court of Justice, it was proposed to include in the agenda of the current session, under that item, an additional sub-item entitled "Election of a member of the International Court of Justice" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

8. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional sub-item in agenda item 15.

9. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the sub-item should be considered in plenary meeting.

The meeting rose at 10 a.m.